

NATIONAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES MEMORIAL
SERVICE RESOLUTION

MAY 18, 1998.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

Mr. BLILEY, from the Committee on Commerce,
submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. Con. Res. 171]

The Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 171) declaring the memorial service sponsored by the National Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Memorial Service Board of Directors to honor emergency medical services personnel to be the “National Emergency Medical Services Memorial Service”, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the concurrent resolution be agreed to.

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PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

The purpose of House Concurrent Resolution 171 is to commend volunteer rescue squads and emergency medical services personnel

who give their time and energy to saving lives across the country and to honor emergency medical services personnel who have died in the line of duty by declaring the annual memorial service sponsored by the National Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Memorial Service Board of Directors to be the "National Emergency Medical Services Memorial Service".

BACKGROUND AND NEED FOR LEGISLATION

Volunteer rescue squads and emergency medical personnel have been helping their fellow Americans throughout the country since 1928, when the Nation's first volunteer rescue squad was established by Julian Stanley Wise in Roanoke, Virginia. Since that time, thousands of emergency medical services personnel have given their time, energy, and even their lives, to make America's communities and families safer.

Today, the Department of Health and Human Services estimates that 170,000 Americans require emergency medical services on an average day, which averages to over 60,000,000 emergency calls annually. Emergency medical services personnel affect the life of every American, either directly or indirectly, by their uniquely skilled and dedicated efforts.

Despite their continuing sacrifices, emergency medical service personnel are often the unsung heroes of our communities. One community, Roanoke, Virginia, has sought to provide more recognition to emergency medical services personnel through the establishment of "To The Rescue", a museum devoted to emergency medical services personnel. The community of Roanoke, Virginia is also the site of an annual Emergency Medical Service Memorial Service, sponsored by the National Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Board of Directors, that honors the men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice by giving their lives on behalf of the people they serve. To date, 119 emergency medical services personnel from 35 States have been so honored.

HEARINGS

The Committee on Commerce has not held hearings on the legislation.

COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION

On May 12, 1998, the Subcommittee on Health and Environment met in open markup session and approved House Concurrent Resolution 171 for Full Committee consideration, without amendment, by a voice vote.

On May 14, 1998, the Full Committee met in open markup session and ordered House Concurrent Resolution 171 reported to the House, without amendment, by a voice vote.

ROLL CALL VOTES

Clause 2(1)(2)(B) of Rule XI of the Rules of the House requires the Committee to list the recorded votes on the motion to report legislation and amendments thereto. There were no recorded votes taken in connection with ordering House Concurrent Resolution 171 reported. A motion by Mr. Bliley to order House Concurrent

Resolution 171 reported to the House, without amendment, was agreed to by a voice vote, a quorum being present.

COMMITTEE OVERSIGHT FINDINGS

Pursuant to clause 2(1)(3)(A) of Rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee did not hold oversight or legislative hearings on this legislation.

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REFORM AND OVERSIGHT

Pursuant to clause 2(1)(3)(D) of Rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, no oversight findings have been submitted to the Committee by the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

NEW BUDGET AUTHORITY, ENTITLEMENT AUTHORITY, AND TAX EXPENDITURES

In compliance with clause 2(1)(3)(B) of Rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee finds that House Concurrent Resolution 171 would result in no new or increased budget authority, entitlement authority, or tax expenditures or revenues.

COMMITTEE COST ESTIMATE

The Committee adopts as its own the cost estimate prepared by the Director of the Congressional Budget Office pursuant to section 402 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974.

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE ESTIMATE

Pursuant to clause 2(1)(3)(C) of Rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following is the cost estimate provided by the Congressional Budget Office pursuant to section 402 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974:

U.S. CONGRESS,
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,
Washington, DC, May 18, 1998.

Hon. TOM BLILEY,
*Chairman, Committee on Commerce,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has prepared the enclosed cost estimate for H. Con. Res. 171.

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them. The CBO staff contact is Cyndi Dudzinski.

Sincerely,

JUNE E. O'NEILL,
Director.

Enclosure.

House Concurrent Resolution 171

CBO estimates that enacting this resolution would have no significant effect on the federal budget. Because the resolution would not affect direct spending or receipts, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. The Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 does not apply to concurrent resolutions.

House Concurrent Resolution 171 would declare the memorial service held in Roanoke, Virginia, and sponsored by the National Emergency Medical Services Memorial Service Board of Directors to be the “National Emergency Medical Services Memorial Service.” This service is held to honor emergency medical services personnel who have died in the line of duty.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Cyndi Dudzinski. This estimate was approved by Paul N. Van de Water, Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.

FEDERAL MANDATES STATEMENT

The Committee adopts as its own the estimate of Federal mandates prepared by the Director of the Congressional Budget Office pursuant to section 423 of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE STATEMENT

No advisory committees within the meaning of section 5(b) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act were created by this legislation.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 2(1)(4) of Rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee finds that the Constitutional authority for this legislation is provided in Article I, section 8, clause 3, which grants Congress the power to regulate commerce with foreign nations, among the several States, and with the Indian tribes.

APPLICABILITY TO LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

The Committee finds that the legislation does not relate to the terms and conditions of employment or access to public services or accommodations within the meaning of section 102(b)(3) of the Congressional Accountability Act.

SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS OF THE LEGISLATION

Preamble and enacting clause

This section acknowledges the dedication and bravery of the men and women who comprise the nation’s volunteer rescue squads and emergency medical services personnel and recognizes the efforts of the community of Roanoke, Virginia, to honor those individuals from across the country who have made the ultimate sacrifice. This section designates the annual memorial service held in Roanoke, Virginia and sponsored by the National Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Memorial Service Board of Directors to be the “National Emergency Medical Services Memorial Service”.

Section 2. Rule of construction

This section stipulates that nothing in this resolution shall be construed to place the National Emergency Medical Services Memorial Service under Federal authority or to require any expenditure of Federal funds.

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW MADE BY THE BILL, AS REPORTED
This legislation does not amend any existing Federal statute.

